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SUBJ: ARREST OF ALLEGED FATAH SABOTAGE RING

1. ACCORDING TO JUNE 12 ISRAELI RADIO AND JUNE 13 JERUSALEM POST, ISRAELI SECURITY FORCES ARRESTED 10 MEMBERS OF FATAH SABOTAGE RING ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR SEVERAL TERRORIST INCIDENTS IN JERUSALEM AREA. TEN ARE ALL FROM HEBRON AREA. ARMY SPOKESMAN REPORTEDLY ATTRIBUTED 11 ACTS TO GROUP THIS YEAR. ACTS INCLUDED DERAILMENT OF TRAIN NEAR BAR GIORA ON MAY 11, AND PLACING OF EXPLOSIVES IN JERUSALEM AREA. GROUP ALSO CHARGED WITH EXPLOSION DAMAGING OIL PIPELINE BETWEEN BEERSHEBA AND HATZERIM ON APRIL 4. GROUP ALLEGEDLY CONTROLLED BY FATAH'S WESTERN SECTOR COMMAND IN BEIRUT.

2. IN RELATED ARTICLE, POST REPORTS MILITARY GOVERNMENTS DECISION JUNE 4 TO RESTRICT TRAVEL TO JORDAN AND OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES OF WEST BANK YOUTH AGED 16-25 TO MINIMUM PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS OUTSIDE W.B. ACCORDING TO POST, MEASURE EXPECTED TO REDUCE TERRORISM, SINCE MOST RECENTLY CAPTURED TERRORISTS ALLEGEDLY TRAVELLED TO JORDAN AND THEN SYRIA FOR SHORT PERIODS OF

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TERRORIST TRAINING BEFORE RETURNING TO W.B.

3. RECENT WEST BANK TERRORIST INCIDENTS REPORTED IN PRESS INCLUDE EXPLOSIVE CHARGE PLACED UNDER ISRAELI TRUCK IN NABLUS, CAUSING DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES, AND CUTTING OF JERUSALEM-RAMALLAH TELEPHONE LINE, BOTH ON JUNE 8. EXPLOSION IN SAIR, VILLAGE NEAR HEBRON, ON JUNE 7 THAT KILLED LOCAL RESIDENT LED TO DISCOVERY OF CACHE OF EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL AND DETONATORS. SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES OF ARMS (PISTOLS, RIFLES, MORTARS) WERE ALSO REPORTED JUNE 11 TO HAVE BEEN SEIZED IN NABLUS AND TULKARM.
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